Extension:

1. 2993/2994 Mumbai-Jaipur Express upto Delhi

2. 2143/2144 Nagpur-Gaya Deekshabhoomi Express to Shri Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Terminal on one side and to Dhanbad on the other side.

3. 2173/2174 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Kanpur Udyog Nagari Exp. (bi-weekly) upto Pratapgarh.

Increase in frequency:

1 2149/2150 Pune-Patna Express from 4 days to daily

2. 7091/7092 Secunderabad-Patna Express from bi-weekly to daily

(c) Trains announced in the Railway Budget are implemented during the financial year.

Setting up of Rail Yatri Niwas

835. DR. E. M. SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN:

SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the policy regarding setting up of Rail Yatri Niwas at various major stations and on what basis such stations are identified;

(b) what is the prospective plan for setting up such Yatri Niwas;

(c) whether the financial viability of such project has been ascertained;

(d) whether the Railways would provide the land for such facilities;

(e) if so, on what conditions and whether any policy for rent or lease of such land has been formulated; and

(f) what is the revenue sharing arrangement between IRCTC and Indian Railways in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (f) Although there is no laid down policy on setting up of Rail Yatri Niwas, in the Railway Budget 2009-10 construction of Multi Functional Complexes (MFC) has been proposed at 50 railway stations serving places of pilgrimage, industry and tourist interest. These MFCs will have budget hotel also in addition to other facilities.

Modifying coaches for physically challenged

836. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to modify coaches to made them suitable for physically challenged persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and